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**"THIS GOVERNMENT SHOULD BACK UP AND  
START OVER AGAIN ON PANAMA TOLLS"**

—SAYS HERBERT QUICK.

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## PASSENGER LINERS TOY WITH LIVES OF PLEASURE SEEKERS ON BOARD

*Freighters Required to Carry Lifeboats for All on Board.  
While Passenger Boats Are Not—Kind Fate Has  
Prevented More Slocum and Titanic Disasters  
—Yet Ship Owners Fight Seamen's Bill.*

Sen. LaFollette's seamen's bill has served to bring forcibly to mind the imminent danger to lake boat passengers under the present laws. It has only been a kind fate that has saved passengers on the Great Lakes boats from being victims of a tragedy of the magnitude of the Gen. Slocum disaster and, proportionately, of the Titanic.

For right now, under the present law, freight vessels are required to carry sufficient life boats to accommodate every one on board, while passenger vessels are permitted to operate without lifeboats for all.

Chicago is the most important excursion boat city in the United States outside of New York. The Day Book, yesterday, printed a list of disasters and near-disasters in which Great Lakes steamers have figured. There are many others.

Following are names of a number of steamers lost with all hands on the Great Lakes since 1901; each foundered during bad weather, all on board being lost:

Baltimore, Lake Huron; Hudson, Lake Superior; Bannockburn, Lake